

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1, 7 to 9 and 16.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

In this regard, claims 1 to 16 have been rejected as indefinite in that it is said to be unclear as to what applicants mean by the limitation of claim 1: "the *hydroxyl moiety* is bound to the main chain moiety *via only one carbon* in the carbon skeleton of the hydroxyl acid".

In reply, what is referred to as "hydroxyl moiety" and "hydroxy acid moiety" in original claims 1 to 3 corresponds to the group $>C^*(-A-COOH)-A-OH$ in original claims 4 to 6. The group is bound to the main chain moiety via only one carbon atom C^* in the group. That is what is meant by "the hydroxyl moiety is bound to the main chain moiety via only one carbon in the carbon skeleton of the hydroxy acid" in original claim 1.

In order to clarify this terminology, the polymerizable unit in claim 1 is now defined as those specified in original claims 4 to 6.

Thus, it is considered that the present claims are now sufficiently clear and definite.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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